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Mr. John H. Snow
Dixie Mills Company
East St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 27th, and am very glad to see the rubbings of your coins. I think I can help you out in regard to these. The following facts are all that I have at my disposal -

1. SIAM. Funeral Medal, about 1900, probably of the incineration of Chula long Korn or Maha Mongkut. The inscription reads "Festival of the Royal Funeral in the Public Place of Thung". We have one in silver.

2. PERSIA. Medal of Muzaffer ed din, 1318 = 1900.

3. This is probably a pattern as it was made in the 495 year or 1886. A modern mint was installed at Seoul about this time, and I understand a limited quantity of Whans were made in 1888. Your piece may have been made in Europe as patterns were made in Germany and in England.

4. MADAGASCAR. A pattern. All of the Madagascar pieces are patterns. I am sorry that I cannot help you out on these Madagascar issues.

I trust the above information is of use to you, and I shall be glad to be of further service to you at any time if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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July 27th '23

Mr Howland Wood
Am. Num. Soc.
New York N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Yours of the 12th inst is at hand and I have indicated, briefly what I am most interested in on the enclosed card; but by way of amplification will say that I like especially all oddities in the coin line such as pattern pieces trial strikes commemorative and other special strikes etc etc.

For some little time it has been my intention to write you as I have several pieces that seem rather hard to fully classify and I am taking this ocasion as an opportune moment to enclose a few rubbings to see whether you can give me any information on them.

I have numbered the rubbings and will indicate here a little detail regarding each piece

No 1- Siam - practically the size and weight of the two tical piece of Maha Mongkut. I have two pieces one appears to be silver gilded - The other is copper, would

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like to know whether these pieces are Medals, patterns or coins? if the latter are they commemorative or what?

No 2. Persia? or Turkey (probably Persia) - looks as tho it may be a commemorative coin or a pattern tho may be a Medal is good silver.

No 3 - Corea. I have a complete set of five pieces consisting of 1/2, 1, 2, and 5 NIANGS and this 1 WARN. They are all struck in white metal and are proofs. Zerbe has a specimen of the 1 Warn in Silver in his collection so I know they come in that metal also are they patterns? if so where struck etc etc.

No 4 - Madagascar - Silver proof - seemingly a pattern but of an earlier date and different Queen than the usual type (I have the pattern 5 Franc, and 1 Kirobo of the later issue also - but this Queen is perhaps the mother of Ranavalomanjaka who appears on the 1 Kirobo of 1888) -

I have over 100 foreign patterns, about many of which I have only a limited knowledge and may send you some further rubbings - They interest me a good deal as they are distinctly "something different"

Yours - Resp John H. Snow.

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3702 Washington av.
St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Howland Wood
New York. N.Y.

Dear Friend Wood.-

A short time ago I received a note from Acting President, John Reilly Jr. regarding the donating of anything handy to the Society as a Christmas gift. - and in reply I am enclosing two Medals which I hope will be something different than any you now have.

No 1. The commemorative World War Medal I am reasonably sure will be New to you. - The best I can do as regards information on it is as follows.

It was designed and struck in Denver Colo. - was the idea of an army Lieutenant (name unknown to me) and was to be sold by him to raise a little money (probably an individual enterprise) - as far as I have been able to learn 50 only were struck and said Lieutenant being unable to pay for them, they were held by the makers - later some (possibly all)

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were released in Denver - I got three in 1919 & 1920 from a small local dealer only ones he had - I presented one to Zerbe. - Probably they will never be well known & so will not be of great interest.

You possibly might be able to dig up a more detailed line on them if you send a letter of inquiry to J. G. Anderson 1116 - 18th St Denver - or A. E. MacDonald 1423 York St Denver. Either of whom may know more or less about the circumstances. (I originally got the Medals from Anderson).

No 2. The Eiffel Tower medal is self explanatory to a greater or less degree.

I have other things I might just as well give the Society but they are not at present easy to get at. Being buried in a large box I keep in the storage vault in one of the local banks.

Regarding the Persian piece of which I sent you a rubbing some time ago I now have more or less full information - It was struck in Brussels.

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in 1902 - Dies by A. Michaux -, to commemorate the Visit to the Belgian Mint of Mussafar-Ed-Din of Persia. was struck in Coffer a bronze in Silver on a regular 5 Franc flanchett, and in Gold. The pieces are listed as "Essais" by European cataloguers and possibly might pass for patterns over here but probably would be called Medals. There were not many of either metal and probably very few in gold.

I am gradually getting together a number of pattern and commemorative pieces both U.S. & foreign and may decide to specialize in them. I do not know of anyone specializing in foreign patterns and possibly could in time get together quite a destinctive collection.

I will send you rubbings from time to time as I already have some interesting patterns.

Please convey my heartiest wishes and seasons greeting to the society and any of its members who know me -

Yours -

John H. Snow.

December 26th, 1923

Mr. John H, Snow
Dixie Mills Co.
East St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Snow:

I beg to thank you very much for the two medals which you have so kindly presented to the Society as a Christmas gift.

The Commemorative World War Medal especially interests us as we are making a great effort to get every kind of World War medal - and, particularly, the badges which were given by towns or organizations to returning soldiers. Anything that you could get in this line ahdch you do not care to keep, would be thankfully received. Naturally, we have many interesting pieces but we realize that we have but an extremely small part of what can be had.

I think that you have more or less of a clear field in collecting foreign patterns, but there must be several who buy these without making any speciality of them, because two or three of the dealers here import quite a number and get good prices for them. In fact, I think, for the most part, they ask too much. Of course, the patterns are always in good condition. I know that Wayte Raymond, 489 Park Avenue, New York, often has a number of very nice pattern pieces.

With the Compliments of the Season, and again thanking you for your gift to the Society, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

3716 Delmar,
St Louis, Mo.
Oct. 15th 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood.
New York. N.Y.

Dear Mr Wood,-

First, I wish you will, if you please, see that my address on the records of the A.N.S. is corrected to that given at the top of this page - It became necessary to move lately because the old house in which I have lived for the last several years is to be torn down.

When in Detroit at the A.N.A. Convention I sent you via Mr Newell fifteen or twenty electrotypes of mulled dies of some of the presumably rarer Condor tokens - These came from the famous Wright collection but as I am not particularly interested in Condors and as they are not authentic anyway I thought they belonged where they would stay put.

Kubler or Sva Now a favor. - I would like the address of Dr. Giuseppe Ros. so that I can write for his book on Modern Chinese Coins - or if the A.N.S. would like to get it for me & charge a small fee go to it. Either way will suit yours. John H Swoo

October 21st, 1925

Mr. John H. Snow
3716 Delmar
St.Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Snow:

If I did not acknowledge the receipt of the Condor tokens which Mr. Newell handed me after the Detroit Convention, please excuse me, for it was my intention to do so. Very few of these did we have in our Collection, and I have added them to other copies in a special tray, as at times a call is made to see what a certain piece looks like, so that in our case copies come in handy.

Mr. Ros is now in New York on his way to Italy. He has no reprints of his coins of the Chinese Republic. The only way to get these is to send for the number of the Journal in which they appeared. Mr. Rudolph Kohler, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, has a copy of this Journal at Five Dollars. Or, if you care to write direct, you could send to the Journal of the North China Branch, Royal Asiatic Society, Shanghai, China, for that number in the Journal which was issued in 1917 - possibly you would have to buy the whole volume. However, as Kohler has a copy, I think that the easiest way would be for you to write to him.

Very truly yours,

Curator